DECLARATION



In the matter of U. S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/671,153 in the name of Hiroyuki FUSE

I, Hideomi KURODA, of Kyowa Patent and Law Office, 2-3, Marunouchi 3-Chome, Chiyoda-Ku, Tokyo-To, Japan, declare and say: that I am thoroughly conversant with both the Japanese and English languages; and that the attached document represents a true English translation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/671,153 dated September 28, 2000.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief and believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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